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SUMMARY: THE DPRK-PRC JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS NO DEPARTURE FROM KNOWN OR PRESUME DPRK STANDS OR POSITIONS, BUT DOES SEEM TO REFLECT SOME MODIFICATION OF KIM'S MORE MILITANT PRONOUNCEMENTS ON KOREAN REUNIFICATION. THE COMMUNIQUE'S REFERENCES TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SUGGEST THAT KIM MAY HAVE SOUGHT AND RECEIVED SOME PRC ASSISTANCE ALONG THESE LINES. END SUMMARY

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1. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE SUDDEN AND HIGH-LEVEL

NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND PARTY DELEGATION LED BY KIM IL-SUNG (AND THE KIM-MAO MEETING) IN THE WAKE OF RECENT COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN INDOCHINA SERVED TO DEMONSTRATE AND UNDERSCORE THE CLOSE TIES AND BONDS BETWEEN PEKING AND PYONGYANG. IN THE APRIL 26 JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF KYGS 9 DAY VISIT, BUT CHINA AND NORTH KOREA ACCLAIMED THE "HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE" OF THE MEETINGS, THE TWO SIDES' HAVING "COMPLETE IDENTITY" OF VIEWS ON "ALL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED", AND FEELINGS OF COMPLETE SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR BILATERAL TALKS. HOWEVER, THIS RECENT EXERCISE IN SUMMITRY SEEMS MORE AN EXERCISE IN STYLE WITH LESS THAN FULL AGREEMENT ON KEY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE MERELY RESTATES POSITIONS AND THEMES SET FORTH IN THE EARLIER BANQUET SPEECHES OF TENG AND KIM. THE PRC STATED SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL KOREAN REUNIFICATION, EXPLICITLY REITERATING CHINA'S SUPPORT FOR KIM'S "THREE PRINCIPLES AND 'FIVE-POINT PROPOSITION' AS BEING THE "CORRECT WAY" IN WHICH THIS GOAL "SHOULD BE REALIZED". THE CHINESE SIDE REFERRED TO THE PROTRACTED NATURE OF THIS STRUGGLE AND PAID TRIBUTE TO THE NORTH'S EFFORTS TO FULFILL ITS "MAGNIFICENT" ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TARGETS.

2. ON OTHER CRITICAL ISSUES OF THE UN COMMAND AND US FORCES IN KOREA, CHINA MERELY REPEATED CALLS FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE "SO-CALLED UN COMMAND" AND WITHDRAWAL OF US ARMED FORCES, WITHOUT ANY HINT OF A SPECIFIC TIME FRAME. THERE IS ALSO NO MENTION OF JAPAN OR OF US FORCES THERE.

4. PYONGYANG MAY HAVE BEEN MOVED CLOSER TO ACCEPTANCE OF A MORE MODERATE AND PRAGMATIC PRC-TYOE STRATEGY IN ACCOMPLISHING ITS GOALS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN RETURN FOR OBTAINING AN END TO PEKING'S TENTATIVE STEPS TOWARDS SEOUL. THE COMMUNIQUE NOTES THE VIEW THAT THE DPRK IS THE "SOLE LEGAL SOVERIGN STATE OF THE KOREAN NATION."

4. WHILE THE DPRK SEEMS TO ALIGN CLOSER WITH THE PRC WORLD VIEW, THERE IS A CONSPICUOUS ABSENCE OF CRITICAL REMARKS OR REFERENCES TO MOSCOW OR MODERN REVISIONISM, INDICATING THAT THE NORTH KOREANS ARE NOT READY TO COMPLETELY RULE OUT THEIR SOVIET OPTION. THERE IS EXPRESSION OF MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIKANOUK AND CAMBODIAN FORCES, SPECIFIC WORDS OF PRAISE FOR THE PRC LEADERSHIP IN SOUTH VIETNAM, BUT AN EQUALLY GLARING OMISSION OF A HANOI ROLE IN RECENT INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENTS. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO CONTAINS THE EXPECTED STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE AND CONDEMNATION OF THE US-INSTIGATED PAK CLIQUE AND ANY US TWO-KOREA SCHEME.

5. THERE IS NO HINT OF NEW BILATERAL ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS,

ALTHOUGH ECONOMIC MATTERS WERE UNDOUBLEDLY A PRIORITY TOPIC
AND THE TWO DPRK ECONOMIC MINISTERS STAYED ON IN PEKING WHILE
THE REST OF THE DELEGATION VISIT NANKING. THUS, NORTH
KOREA'S PROFESSIONS OF SATISFACTION WITH THE VISIT MAY STEM
FROM POSSIBLE PRC AGREEMENT TO ASSIST PYONGYANG IN RESOLVING
ITS CURRENT CROP OF DPRK ECONOMIC WOES.
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